

Application No.: 10/774,932
Response to Office Action of 06/02/05
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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2005. The Office Action rejected Claims 1-4, 11, 17, 18, and 20-24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as unpatentable over the Northrop patent (1,929,255) and the De Rouge patent (2,120,065). Claims 5-10 and 12-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over De Rouge in view of the Beteille patent (4,598,888). The Office Action also rejected Claims 11-16 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 25-32 are allowed.

Claims 1-24 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to further prosecute Claims 1-24 in a divisional application.

Claim 25 has been amended to correct errors that were previously presented in the claim. Amended Claim 25 is not believed to have been limited or broadened in any way by the amendment. It is respectfully submitted that, as amended, all the pending claims are allowable.

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Respectfully submitted,

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